

AUCTION SALE OPENS HERE WEDNESDAY

Announcement is made this week of the opening of Decatur's new Auction Sale, to start next Wednesday at Cullom's Ranch. All kinds of livestock will be sold.

Raymond Mannscheck and Jesse Rivoire are the owners and operators and Clyde Moore will be auctioneer.

The Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in securing the opening of this auction, and the owners are experienced in this line of work.

The public is urged to attend the sale and to bring livestock for sale. Opening sale on May 12 starts at 1:30. Adequate pens and space for stock as well as people is assured, many improvements and new structures making up the sales barns.

Attention is called to the sale in several ads in this issue, to which your attention is called. This sale can mean much to Decatur and Wise county, and your cooperation in getting it started is earnestly solicited.

New Taxi Service

Herman (Boomer) Mara has opened a new taxi service here, announced for the first time this week.

GRAND JURY FINDS 7 BILLS

The grand jury has been in session this week.

The grand jury returned 7 bills in its work Monday and Tuesday, being dismissed on Tuesday afternoon after completing its work.

Invited To Dallas

Mayor Syl Hardwick has been invited by Mayor Jimmie Temple of Dallas to be an honor guest at the opening ceremonies of the official opening of the Dallas National Home Exposition Saturday May 8 at Fair Park. An informal luncheon is to be held prior to the opening ceremonies which will be broadcast over WRR and KRLLD.

Following the ceremonies the visitors will be conducted on a tour of the exposition.

NICE RAIN. Hail

What appeared to be a storm but turned into an inch rain hit Wise county Monday afternoon about 2 o'clock. Darkness brought the fear of a storm, but the clouds rolled around to the north and east, where a twister hit McKinney at 3 that afternoon causing death of two persons and extensive damage.

Some damage was reported at Nocona also, but outside of the hail, nothing worse hit in this vicinity and the hail wasn't large enough or heavy enough to do damage.

The north and west part of the county received more rain and hail. Reports from over Chico way state some of the hailstones weighed nearly two pounds, breaking windows and auto glass, killing chickens and in one instance stunning a cow. Rain in other sections totaled from 1 to 2 inches.

CEMETERY WORKING

Cemetery working at Bethel, Wednesday May 12 dinner on the ground. Everybody come and bring working tools. Committee.

Fred Greer and family attended the funeral of his brother, S. R. Greer, at McAllen, Texas Sunday.

GRADUATION EXERCISES ARE ANNOUNCED

Closing exercises for the high school and college were announced this week, as follows:

COLLEGE EXERCISES

Decatur College baccalaureate service will be held in the college auditorium Sunday May 23 at 11 o'clock with Rev. Dale Thorn of Alvord as speaker.

Commencement will be in the college auditorium Monday evening May 24 at 8 P. M. with Mayor Harold Jones of Wichita Falls as speaker.

HIGH SCHOOL EXERCISES

Decatur high school baccalaureate service will be Sunday May 23 at 8 P. M. at the First Methodist Church with Rev. Norman Conner of Jacksboro as speaker for the occasion.

The commencement exercise will be in the high school auditorium Tuesday evening May 25, with Judge Sarah T. Hushes of Dallas as speaker.

Senior Day is May 12, the class will make a trip to Fair Park in Dallas.

BAND MOTHERS SPONSOR SHOW SATURDAY NITE

FREE! FREE! It's all free! A big outside free attraction, on northwest side of the square Saturday evening May 8, sponsored by band mothers.

Band Carnival of Fun! The show starts at 6 o'clock. Don't miss it, fun for all ages, come and have a big time.

Free vaudeville show, cake walk, carnival, concessions. We'll be looking for you. Help the band buy uniforms!

CONVENTION DELEGATES ARE UNINSTRUCTED

Precinct and county Democratic conventions were held in the county Saturday and Tuesday, with the outcome uninstructed delegates pledged to the party, according to reports.

Further report will be given when Mr. Book, county chairman gives us the full information, unobtainable this week.

GOLFERS LOSE TO NOCONA

Decatur golfers went to Nocona for a match Sunday and came home on the short end of the win column winning 5 of 19 matches.

Winners of the rounds were: Jack Helm, Theodore Kendrick, Ralph Dodson, Lee Burke and Horace Usry.

Losers: Sage Nobles, Syl Hardwick, H. M. Mote, Johnnie Dunn, Gene Kincaid, Frank Hall, Robert Cartwright, Ted Smith, Hoyt Talley, Harpo Lewis, Junior Helm, Ralph Finley and Johnny Musgrove.

Jacksboro comes to Decatur for a match on Sunday May 16th.

Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Rogers, Bill Burton, Mmes. Don Lightfoot and Sue Bulgarek attended a meeting of the OES in Bowie Thursday night.

Mrs. M. P. Loveless left Friday night to spend several months with her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Wallace at Houston, and Miss Jane Loveless in New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Lowry of Newark were Decatur visitors Monday.

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DECATUR, TEXAS—Thursday, May 6, 1948

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DR. BELL OFFERS HIS RESIGNATION

After 28 years as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Decatur, Dr. R. E. Bell rendered his resignation to the membership following the service last Sunday evening.

Bob Lawrence has resigned his position as education director of the church to accept a similar position in the First Church at Hereford.

It was with deep regret that the membership heard of the resignation of Dr. Bell, effective as of August 1. In his many years in Decatur he has endeared himself to all, regardless of church affiliation, and his ready wit and bright mind would do justice to many a young man. Dr. Bell, old in years only, is one of the finest men we have had the pleasure of knowing, and we are glad to know that he plans to remain in Decatur to make his home.

Bob Lawrence has been highly recommended by his church to his new congregation, and during his time here he has been a tireless worker in church activities. We are sorry he is leaving but wish him well in his new home.

George Prescott New Theatre Manager

Announcement was made last Monday of the appointment of George Prescott as manager of Decatur's theatres.

Mr. Prescott has been connected with the local theatres for several years, and his advancement is welcomed by his many friends here.

On the same date it was announced that the bathing beauty revue for which temporary plans had been made, has been postponed for the present.

Win Honors

The Regional Music Festival was held at Denton April 30 and the High School Choral Club of 40 members, the Elementary Choral Club of 34 boys and girls, and a senior girls' vocal ensemble of 14 girls entered. All three organizations received first division ratings by the judge, Mr. Lansing Deming from Houston.

The Decatur students were given the highest possible ratings that were given to any school that day. Other entries were from Denton, Sherman, Denison, Bowie, Vernon, Grapevine, Paradise, and Birdville.

Decatur has something of which to be proud in that her students are ranked top notch in vocal work.

Mrs. O. L. Jones, the director, had as her accompanist Miss Sherry Walker.



Sunday, May 9 is Mother's Day—the year's most sentimental occasion. Everywhere, grateful sons and daughters will be paying affectionate tribute to Mother, greeting her with gifts and deluxe Mother's Day cards like these, blossoming with roses and perfumed satin insets.

Rev. Shawver to Speak Here

Rev. L. D. Shawver of Jacksboro will speak at the Methodist Church on the third Sunday in May, the 16th, on Soil and Souls. Joe Wilhite will teach the men's Sunday School class on the same date.

Beautification

Beautification of the court house lawn was begun last week. This much needed project is under the direction of the Decatur Garden Club, with the sanction of the Commissioners Court.

Resodding and planting of Bermuda grass of special variety has been done. This will make a much more attractive lawn as the setting for the Wise County court house.

Bert Hawkins of Bridgeport was painfully injured, though not seriously, in an auto-truck mishap near Chico Wednesday afternoon about 1 o'clock, we were informed. His new car was badly damaged and Bert was suffering from bruises and injuries according to the report.

Joe Wilhite received a plaque and a new Stetson hat at the Soil Conservation meeting in Jacksboro Tuesday night, of which he is right proud.

Mrs. Jesse Soyars, the former Miss Helen Burnett, and little daughter Janie of San Benito are visiting at the J. Otis Burnett home.

Lieut. and Mrs. Basil Hoyl and daughter, Kathleen Dianne, returned to their home in Austin Saturday after spending two weeks here with their parents.

PTA meeting date has been changed from May 18 to May 11. All members are urged to note the change.

BODIES OF FOUR SERVICEMEN ARE ON WAY HOME

The body of Pfc. Gail B. Mote, Army, next of kin: Edwin H. Mote, Box 436, Alvord, is being returned to the United States from Europe on the army transport Lawrence Victory. It was announced today.

From 10 days to 3 weeks will be required before next of kin will be advised of the day they may expect to receive the remains. The bodies of Sgt. Max Upberman, next of kin: S. R. Upberman, Bridgeport; Cpl. Nelson H. Waters, next of kin: Mrs. May W. Morris, Alvord; and Pfc. Robert L. Rich, next of kin: Mrs. Gertrude M. Rich, Decatur, are among those being returned to the United States from Honolulu aboard the army transport Cardinal O'Connell. It was announced today.

Ten days to 3 weeks will elapse after arrival of the ship before next of kin will be advised of the date when they may expect to receive the remains.

Buy Homes

Warren Hunt has purchased the north residence and Woodrow Starnes the south residence built by Hub Heathington on the southwest side. The new owners are now occupying their new homes.

BASEBALL

The Decatur baseball team lost its first home game of the season Sunday to Pilot Point, score 7 to 3.

The team played Henrietta Wednesday under the lights in Decatur, score 4 to 0 in favor of Henrietta.

Sunday the team will play at Grapevine. Bus leaves at 12:45.

A spirited contest between the primary and junior classes and the young people's class of Oak Grove came to a close Sunday with the young people winning by \$211.00 to \$204.00 for the primary and juniors.

This not only contributed substantially to our building fund, but gave the younger ones an active part in the campaign and stimulated an interest we hope will last until the new church is completed.

THE MESSENGER INVITES MR. and MRS. DICK OATES to be our guests to see any show at the Plaza Theatre during the coming week. Please call at the Messenger office for two tickets.

Embry M. Gettys

Embry Marshall Gettys was born 3 miles north of Decatur, Texas, November 27, 1892, and has spent his entire life, except when he was away in school and on business, in Wise County.

He was first married to Clara St. Clair, also of Decatur, and one son, E. M., Jr., was born to this union. Mrs. Gettys passed on in August, 1939 and E. M., Jr. in August, 1947. On September 21, 1942, he was married to Miss Pauline Rowan of Dallas, Texas. No children were born to this union.

Embry, as he was affectionately known to his many friends and relatives, began his education by finishing Decatur Baptist College and Baylor University, then Chicago University, and obtained his Ph. D. degree from Leland Stanford University in California. He has been connected with the Decatur Baptist College more than thirty years and has been dean 25 years.

He was an active member of the Decatur Lions Club, was a deacon in the First Baptist Church and was past president of the Texas College Association, and was honored and respected by all who knew him.

He departed this life in a Dallas Hospital Friday night, April 23rd, at 11:55 o'clock. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Pauline Gettys and seven brothers, who are: C. T. of Decatur; J. L., Clarence, and Richard of Gainesville; Dr. A. C. Gettys of Mary Hardin-Baylor College of Belton; Marion of Fort Worth, and Dr. P. L. Gettys of Waco.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church in Decatur, Sunday afternoon, April 25th, at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by J. L. Ward, Rev. R. E. Bell, pastor, and Rev. J. B. Rowan of Dallas.

Interment was made in Hill Crest Mausoleum, Dallas, Texas.

Rhyme Play

A good one fourth of the mothers and fathers of the Rhyme P-TA are characters in a home talent play being presented at the high school auditorium in Rhome this Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Name of the show is "The Po-dunk Special" depicting the joys and sorrows of a train trip by a mother of several husky, ambitious children.

Insight on what to expect to see at the show can be glimpsed from the cleverly designed posters made by Mrs. J. A. Barrett, and placed in show windows to further advertise the play.

Apparently it will be worth the 25 and 50-cent admission charge. Besides, there'll be cold drinks, popcorn, candy and peanuts to refresh the on-lookers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Milligan are visiting relatives in Corsicana and Kaufman.

Lions Hear Ray Brown, See First Grade Square Dance

Last Wednesday members of the Lions Club were entertained fully by the square dancers of the first grade directed by Mrs. Vallie Man. One of the most novel and unusual programs of entertainment, Lions were thoroughly pleased with the two squares of youngsters.

O Ray Brown, FSA supervisor, gave a very interesting discussion of the work of his department in aiding farmers in purchase of farm homes in the county. Mr. Brown furnished statistics of farm activities on Wise county farms, which resulted in the county being over the state average in most departments.

Delegates were named to the district convention by President Nichols who presided.

Lions attending the district convention in Wichita Falls on Sunday and Monday were: C. E. Dodson, F. W. Burton, H. B. Pearson, Tom Rush, C. A. Nichols, Joe Wren and H. M. Mote.

Chico Boys Win Judging Contest

Chico F.F.A. Club boys came out with the winning score in the junior judging contest held at the Wise County Dairy Day, Thursday, April 22nd.

Members of the Chico team under the direction of Mr. C. F. Wood were: Gordon Lowary, Bill Hartsell, Arlon Morris, and Perry Hall. Other teams in the contest were Paradise, Decatur and Bowie F.F.A. boys, and Decatur 4-H Club team with Decatur F.F.A. placing second and Paradise and Bowie tying for third place.

High score individuals were: Gordon Taylor, Decatur 4-H, Bobby Askew and Kenneth Caraway, Decatur F.F.A. tying for first place; second place, J. W. Fry, Bowie F.F.A., Jimmie Cunningham, Chico F.F.A., and Theron Holt and Clinton Philips, Paradise F.F.A.; third place, Ralph Belew, Bowie F.F.A. and Donald Gentry, Paradise F.F.A.

Miss Neva Keel of Dallas is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. Keith.

Miss Nettie McCormack of Sherman and Mrs. Kate Dodd of Clinton, Okla. were guests in the home of Stanley McCormack Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Mooney of San Sabá, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McCain and daughter of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Booth Mooney of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mooney of Duke, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Mooney and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mooney and baby of Decatur were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Mooney.



DO-SI-DO—SWING YOU'RE PARTNER—Pictured above is the square dance team of Mrs. Vallie Man's first grade in Decatur grammar school. These children have been entertaining various groups and organizations recently with their routine, which is exceptionally well received. The children are well trained and enjoy dancing, they, and their instructor, have received many compliments and encores wherever they appear. Really a

cute group in their gingham and blue-jeans and boots.

Reading from left to right: Reggie Hill, Judith Baer, David White, Dannes Hickey, Bob Carter, Suzanne Rann, Bill Riddle, Bonnie Meador, Tommy Simms, Sandra Renshaw, Phil Luker II, Linda Spain.

Two other couples have been added since this picture was made, giving two full squares of dancers.

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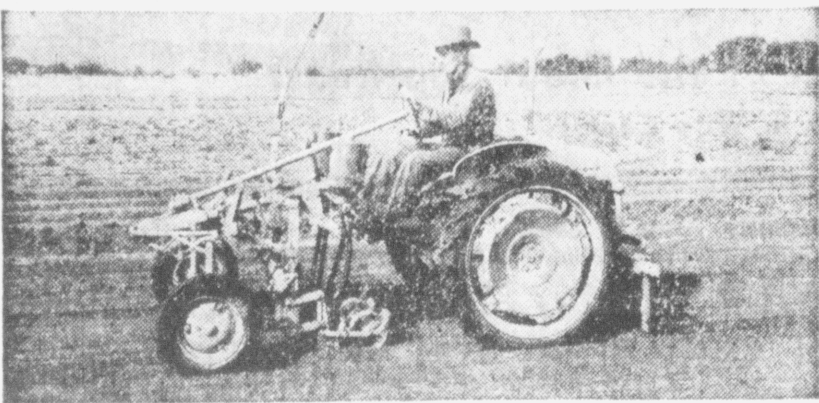
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Ray H. Watkins, Director

or

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NEW A-C TRACTOR MOUNTS ENGINE IN REAR, IMPLEMENTS IN FRONT FOR BETTER VISION



A new light weight farm tractor with implements mounted in front of the operator has just been announced by the Allis-Chalmers Tractor Division. Designed similar to rear-mounted engine road graders for highway construction, the new unit has its power plant behind the driver.

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—A new farm tractor in the low priced field featuring a rear-mounted engine design was recently placed in production at the Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Company's Gadsden, Alabama, plant.

A noteworthy feature of the new light weight Model G tractor is the unusually wide range of operator-visibility permitted by the rear-mounted engine design. By shifting the engine to the rear, A-C engineers report they have succeeded in mounting farm implements in full view of the operator.

A complete line of front-mounted, quick hitch, companion implements designed especially for use with the new tractor is also being produced by the company's tractor division.

The new Model G tractor is equipped with a 4-cylinder, L-head engine—2 1/4" bore; 3 1/2" stroke; 62 cu. in. piston displacement—and is capable of handling one 12-inch moldboard plow in average soils at customary plowing depths. It has 4 forward speeds, including a super-low gear for operations requiring extremely slow speeds. Fuel consumption is low, running from 2 to 3 quarts per hour under medium to heavy loads. Tractor wheel treads can be adjusted to fit any row-crop spacing. Any of the "G" implements can be attached to the tractor or removed from it in 5 minutes or less. The plow, like the planters and cultivators, is mounted ahead of the operator—a radical departure from conventional practice.

In a prepared statement, W. A. Roberts, Allis-Chalmers Executive Vice President, said: "In the new Model G tractor and the implements designed for it, we believe we have contributed a farm tool that will further advance the mechanization of agriculture, lower farm production costs, and place the advantages of mechanization within reach of thousands of farmers, who are still using animals and other unprofitable forms of farm power."

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Several hundred high school senior girls were guests of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, recently at the annual High School Senior Day. Speakers for the occasion were, left to right standing, Miss Christine Taylor, Decatur, who spoke on "Freshman Days at MB-B"; Miss Byrde Eads, Belton, who gave the response for the guests; Miss Clo-teen Sparks, Austin, who presided at the morning program. Seated are Mrs. A. D. Pratt, Navasota, who welcomed the visitors for the Woman's Missionary Union; President Gordon G. Singleton; and Mrs. Singleton, who recently retired after nine years' work with WMU as young people's leader.



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Mesdames Ray Hartsell, R. L. Graves of Bridgeport; Mesdames Matt Clark, Bob Young, John Hix, Cal McCurdy and Miss Hodge of Decatur attended Dist. No. 4 meeting of the Texas Home Demonstration Association in Sherman Tuesday, April 20.

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Wise County 25 and 50 Years Ago

Interesting News From the old files of The Wise County Messenger

50 Years Ago.. April 29, 1898

25 Years Ago.. April 27, 1923

An Involuntary Church Collection

A large but involuntary collection was taken up last Saturday evening in the Methodist Church at Hawley, Okla. In fact it was the largest ever taken up in any church in the territory, but the persuasion was different from that used by the Rev. J. O. Wilson of that city. Six shooters in the hands of two masked men kept the congregation quiescent while two others went about the pews and relieved the worshippers of all their cash and jewelry. The minister contributed a few dollars out of his own pocket.

At 1 o'clock Monday night the saloon at Boyd was discovered to be on fire. Prompt action prevented the fire from spreading, but the town ran a great risk of a repetition of the conflagration that destroyed so large a part of it last fall. The saloon was completely destroyed. A small amount of stock was saved. No insurance.

Politics have been relegated to the rear during the present struggle between the United States and Spain. All men regardless of political creed are drawn together in patriotic brotherhood for the welfare of our common country. Long live the United States!

England advises the United States to hold the Philippine Islands. Johnny Bull may be older than Uncle Sam and doubtless capable of giving advice, but our uncle has cut his wisdom teeth and is not bothered about holding what he has fairly acquired.

Editor's Column

He that blows the coal in quarrels has nothing to do with, has no right to complain if the sparks fly in his face.

For the benefit of all inquisitive subscribers, the Messenger will state that Hunter-Scott well is in the heart of the Decatur field.

The State Senate has accepted an invitation to visit Texas oil fields. Doubtless some of the upper house hope to get a few pointers from the gushers.

No more seining parties; no more fish nets and traps in West Fork; no more barbed wire entanglements to hold the members of the finny tribe in certain bounds in the waters of the fork. Not so bad, eh?

Lake Decatur is brim full of water. Will she hold? If not, why can't proceedings be started that will result in Decatur tax payers getting what they were promised when the bond issue was up? If the lake leaks, somebody is responsible. We are all dead certain that a leaky lake was not specified in the contract.

Sheriff Workman and his force with the co-operation of County Attorney Gettys are making greater efforts to enforce the laws in Wise County than have been put forth here in many years, and they deserve the commendation and assistance of all law abiding citizens. They are playing no favorites in the performance of their duties.

Advertisement

From where I sit...by Joe Marsh



"What's Your Opinion, Mister?"

Fellow from one of those public opinion polls was in Andy's Garden Tavern, querying Andy's patrons on everything from that "new look" to the next election.

And it occurred to me that there's nothing more typically American than collecting other folks' opinions, as well as giving out one's own. And from where I sit, it's a mighty healthy habit.

So long as people can discuss both sides of a question that comes up—whether it concerns short skirts versus long, beer compared

with cider, or the larger issues of party versus party—we're sure of the individual liberty that has made this country great.

For it isn't differences of opinion that matter. The important thing is tolerance for differences of opinion—whether they affect the right of an individual to vote, to speak his mind, or enjoy a glass of beer. They're all parts of the freedom that we cherish!

Joe Marsh

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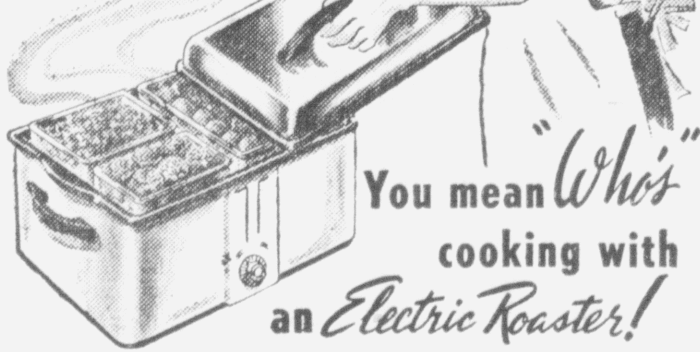
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The undersigned having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of F. W. Alexander, deceased, late of Wise County, Texas, by Will duly probated in the County Court of said County on the 15th day of April, A. D. 1948, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law by mailing to the undersigned at Albany, Texas.

This 28th day of April, A. D. 1948.

JIM PIERCE ALEXANDER, Independent Executor of the Estate of F. W. Alexander, Deceased.

Cemetery Ass'n. Asks For Help

At different times in the past, other Cemetery Associations have bought and raised money to pay for more land, and improve same, that we might have a place to bury our loved ones.

Now the present association, because most all our lots have been sold, bought more land, and we need your help for improvement that others may have a place to bury their loved ones.

Thanks for whatever you send.

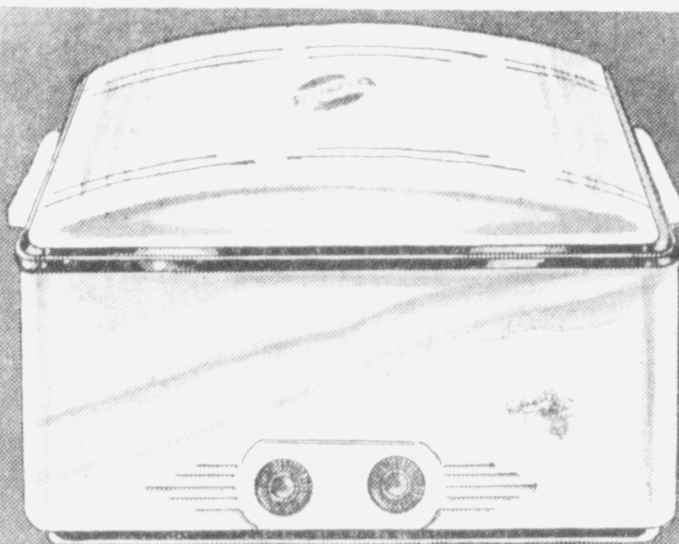
C. L. Christias, Pres.
Mrs. J. H. Cates, Sec.-Treas.
Decatur Oaklawn Cemetery Assn.

A ton of coal isn't much if you're buying it, but it sure is a pile if you're shoveling.

Anyway, the fellow who is always at the foot of the class should make a good chiropodist.

AN APPROPRIATE GIFT

for Mother

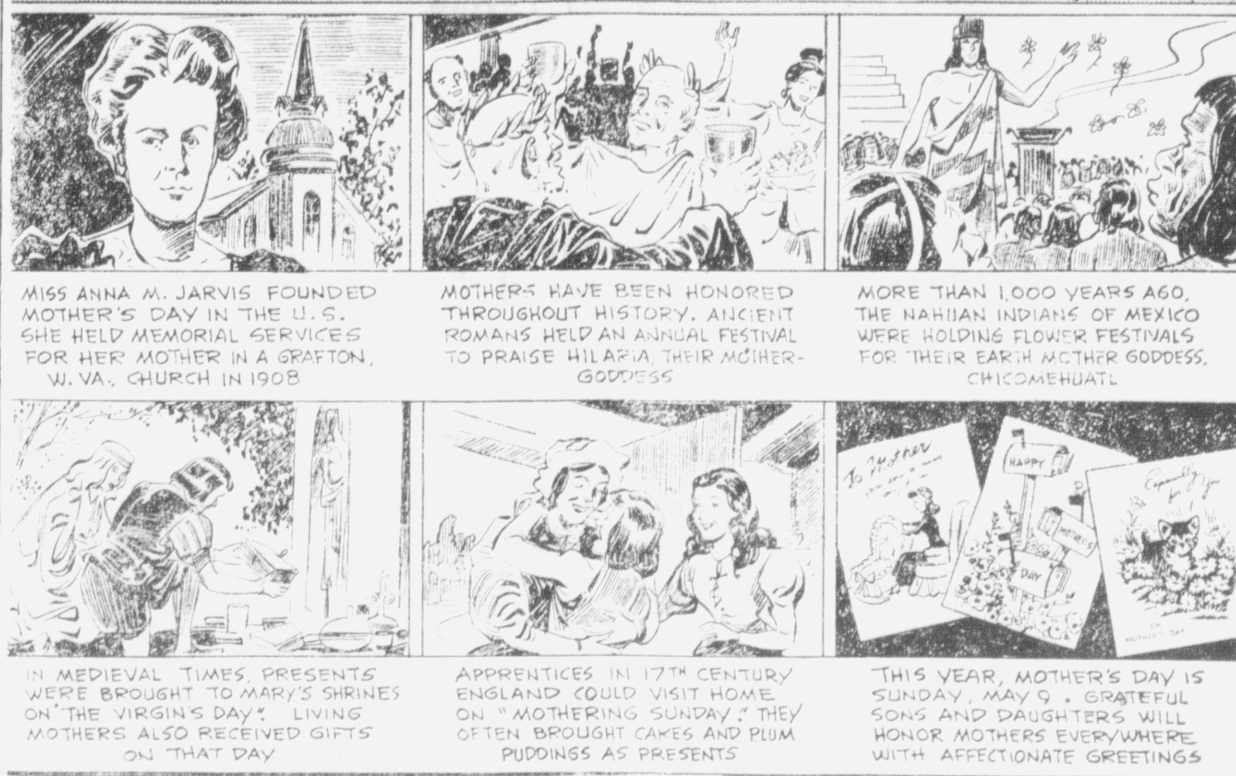


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MISS ANNA M. JARVIS FOUNDED MOTHER'S DAY IN THE U. S. SHE HELD MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR HER MOTHER IN A GRAFTON, W. VA. CHURCH IN 1908

MOTHERS HAVE BEEN HONORED THROUGHOUT HISTORY. ANCIENT ROMANS HELD AN ANNUAL FESTIVAL TO PRAISE HILARIA, THEIR MOTHER-GODDESS

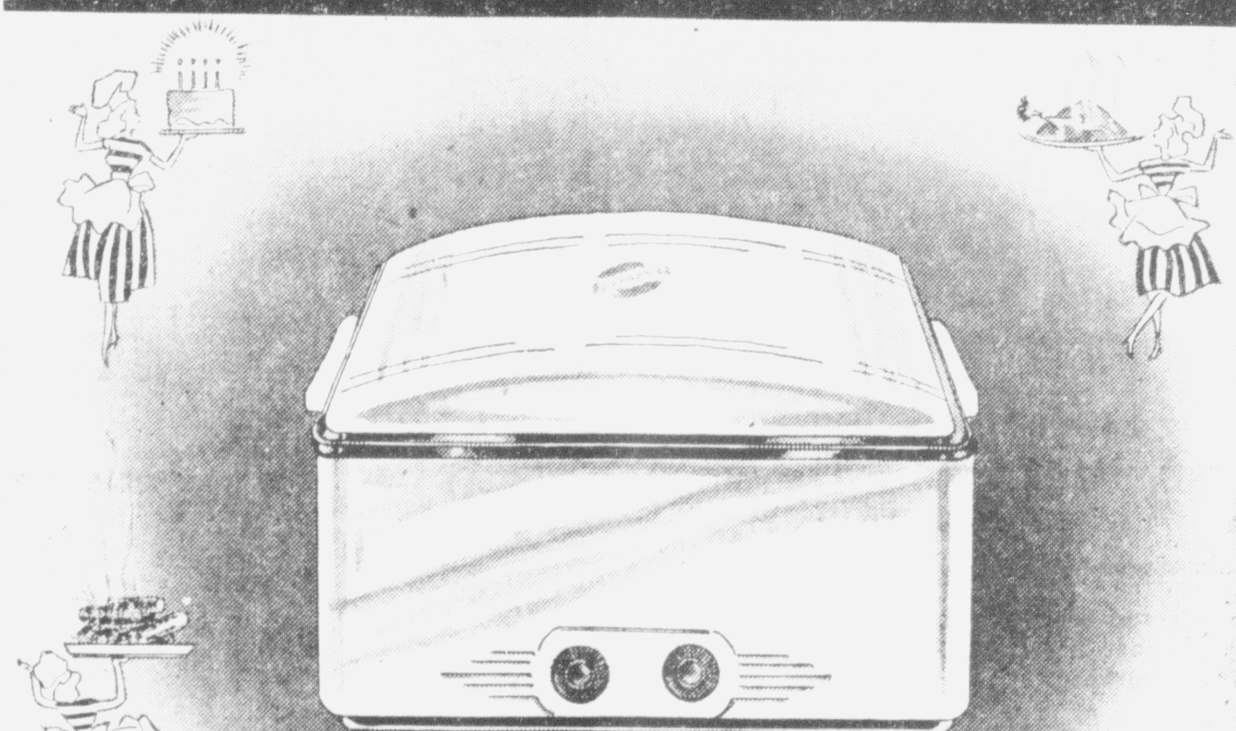
MORE THAN 1,000 YEARS AGO, THE NAHIAN INDIANS OF MEXICO WERE HOLDING FLOWER FESTIVALS FOR THEIR EARTH MOTHER GODDESS, CHICOMEHUATL

IN MEDIEVAL TIMES, PRESENTS WERE BROUGHT TO MARY'S SHRINES ON "THE VIRGIN'S DAY." LIVING MOTHERS ALSO RECEIVED GIFTS ON THAT DAY

APPRENTICES IN 17TH CENTURY ENGLAND COULD VISIT HOME ON "MOTHERING SUNDAY." THEY OFTEN BROUGHT CAKES AND PUM PUDDINGS AS PRESENTS

THIS YEAR, MOTHER'S DAY IS SUNDAY, MAY 9. GRATEFUL SONS AND DAUGHTERS WILL HONOR MOTHERS EVERYWHERE WITH AFFECTIONATE GREETINGS

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Cooking Magic.. with an ELECTRIC ROASTER!

A flick of the switch... and meals are cooked like magic! Your electric roaster is the compact, convenient way to new kitchen freedom. It's so easy to prepare a complete meal. Simply place food in the neat cooking pans... set the automatic controls... and leave the rest to electricity! You'll discover food prepared the electric way is more delicious... more appetizing... and more nutritious, too!

Yes, it's pure cooking magic with your electric roaster. You'll enjoy the added hours of leisure and the economy that electric cooking sends your way!

Visit your electrical dealer and see the display of automatic electric roasters!



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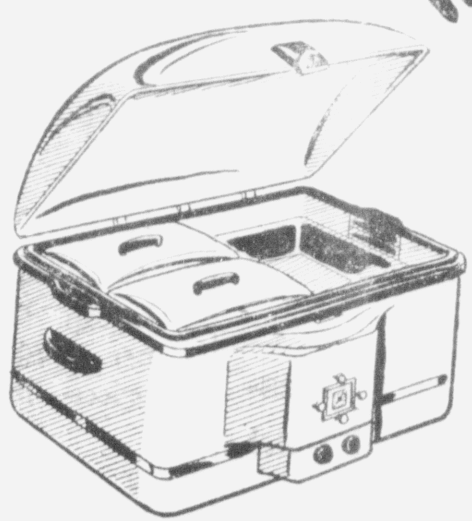
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Mother's Day



AN ELECTRIC ROASTER

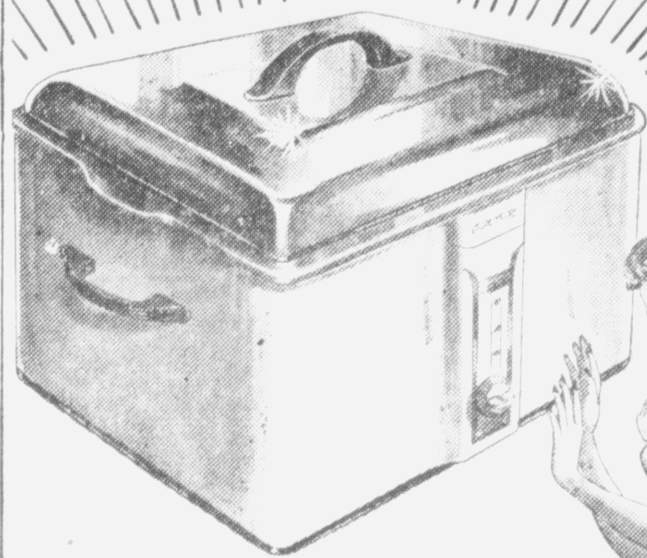
or some other electrical appliance will make an appreciated Mother's Day Gift! We have many items from which to choose!



FORD ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE CO.

Appropriate for MOTHER'S DAY!

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I'm a big booster of the ELECTRIC ROASTER!

And who wouldn't be? It cooks a complete, delicious meal, economically... and without fuss or bother! Completely automatic, it requires no basting, watching, tasting or testing foods while cooking. Too, you'll have time to relax and enjoy many more leisure hours. Just place the entire meal in the Roaster, set the automatic controls, and let low-cost electricity do the rest.

Foods cooked the electric way taste better, because beneficial nutritive values are not lost. Economical, time-and-labor-saving, the Electric Roaster has all the wonderful features that turn cooking tasks into pleasant pastimes!

MANY OTHER ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES FROM WHICH TO CHOOSE!

WALKER AUTO SUPPLY

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our many friends who extended their sympathy in the passing of our dear little mother. The floral offerings express your love and appreciation of her. Every kind deed, the lovely food and every expression of sympathy shown will be a cherished memory in our hearts. May God bless and keep you

is our prayer. The children of Mrs. A. S. Badger.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS

Miss Wynola Waters, area officer and Miss Jo Ann Quisenberry, Decatur Chapter representative, went to Galveston the 22nd through the 29th to attend a State Meeting. They were accompanied by Miss Harvey Thompson, the Sponsor of the Decatur Homemaking Club. The purpose of the meeting was to elect new state officers and to change the constitution.

All enjoyed the trip and brought back many interesting souvenirs.



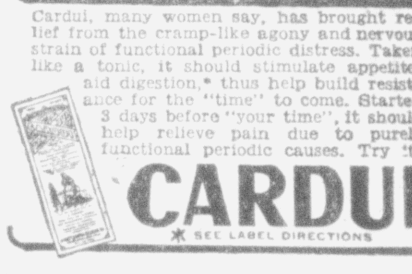
The new BALL DOME (2-piece metal) LID is easiest to use and surest to seal. Fits any Mason jar. To test seal press dome—if down, jar is sealed!



BALL ZINC CAPS and Rubber Rings have been favorites for generations. They seal all Mason jars. Easy to use!

The government of Brazil, cooperating with the evangelical missions and churches of the republic, is working to reduce illiteracy by adapting the "picture-word" methods of Dr. Frank C. Laubach to the teaching of Portuguese. Voluntary groups all over the nation are conducting literacy classes.

How women and girls may get wanted relief from functional periodic pain



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We also do CUSTOM GRINDING and CUSTOM
MIXING, both DRY and SWEET.

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RHOME, TEXAS

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MORE WANT ADS ON PAGE 2

NOTICE—Shoes shined, re-
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MABRY'S SHOE SHOP

FOR SALE—Army shoes, reason-
able price. Try our line of
shoes, cream, all colors in Cav-
alier Creme.

MABRY'S SHOE SHOP

FOR SALE—11 nice pigs, little
past seven weeks old. Claude
Caddell, 1½ miles north of De-
catur.

FOR SALE—1938 Dodge school
bus, good condition, new brake
job, new starter, new battery,
excellent transportation for a
church service, Boy Scout troop
or summer vacations. Bargain.
Rev. Gilbert Wilson, Rhome,
Texas.

FOR SALE—36 Ford Tudor sed-
an. See at Kellie Ford's Gar-
age.

LOST—Car keys in Decatur on
Monday. Tag number on keys is
64-2062. Oklahoma license,
Stimpson Chevrolet Co. key ring.
Please return to Wice, County
Messenger, Reward, S. J. Simp-
son, route one, Walters, Okla.

WANTED to buy or trade for
larger residence, home on East
Walnut. See Mrs. Faye Teper at
Faye's Beauty Shop, Decatur.

FOR SALE—One large air con-
ditioner in excellent condition,
suitable for church or large
home. See George Prescott at
the Plaza Theatre.

FOR RENT—Furnished apart-
ment, 2 rooms and bath, newly
refinished, clean and conveni-
ently arranged, garden, chicken

“WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN
JESUS COMES IN THE AIR?”

1. The Great Sounds.
2. The Great Various Appearance.
3. What will happen to those on the earth when
He comes?

This will be the first in a series of 7 messages on the
Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ; a much dis-
puted subject of the day.

Pastor JACK POWER will be bringing this series of
7 messages for the next seven weeks, not a thing will
be left out, but YOU will Miss out if you miss one.



THEY WILL BE
DELIVERED
SUNDAY EVENING AT
7:45 P. M.

FUNDAMENTALIST Baptist Church
“ATTEND THE LARGEST ADULT BIBLE CLASS
IN WISE COUNTY”

Taught by the pastor in the Main AUDITORIUM of
the Church, and broadcast by remote control over Ra-
dio Station KDNT of Denton Texas, 1450 on your
Dial, from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

You Have a Cordial Invitation to Attend All Services.
SUNDAY SCHOOL—10:00 A. M. Lesson Romans,
Chapter 16. A Class for every age.

PREACHING—11:00 A. M. A “Special Mother’s
Day Service.” A lovely gift will be presented to
the oldest and youngest Mother present.

DON'T MISS THE SPECIAL MESSAGE SUNDAY
EVENING 7:45.

house and pen, concrete house
for storage if desired. Mrs. Ed-
die Smallwood.

full line of both, priced at
\$1250.00. Clear profit \$100.00
per week. See Thomas Parsons.

FOR SALE—Star Cafe at
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WANTED—Girl to work at
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TENNESSEE DAIRIES

DECATUR, TEXAS

Mother's Day
Suggestions

Remember Mother with a new
Form Slip in White or Tea
Rose. They fit, and are plenty
long.

A Pretty Blouse of Sheer Dim-
ity and Lawn, just the thing
for warm weather.

A pretty Dress Pattern of
Ladies Slipper Lawn for warm
weather. The Patterns are
beautiful.

A Pretty Pair
of 54 gauge
15 denier
Nylon Hose,
the best you
can buy, but
theres nothing
too good
for Mother!

A pretty Bed Spread, the new
spring patterns by Bates, they
are the best!

Other gifts for Mother: Bags,
Belts, Costume Jewelry and
Gowns. Shop at COBB'S for
your Mother's Day Gift!

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OPENING SALE, WEDNESDAY MAY

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½ Mile Northeast of Decatur on Gaines-
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Raymond Mannschreck and Jesse
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MACHINE OPERATORS

EXPERIENCE NOT NECESSARY!

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DECATUR

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all who were
so kind and thoughtful during the
illness and at the passing of our
loved one. Your many visits,
cards and letters have been a
source of comfort to all of us.
We deeply appreciate each word
and thought of love and friend-
ship. When sorrow comes your
way, we hope that you will have
such friends to help and comfort
you as you have helped and com-
forted us.

We pray for God's blessing on
each of you.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Reed
and family.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere
appreciation for all the kindness
and expressions of sympathy
during our sorrow at the passing
of our beloved, Dr. E. M. Gettys.
May God bless each of you.

Mrs. E. M. Gettys, C. T.
Gettys, J. L. Gettys, R. A.
Gettys, Dr. A. C. Gettys,
Marion Gettys, Dr. P. L.
Gettys and C. C. Gettys.

Mrs. LaVerne Spain underwent
an operation Monday at the De-
catur clinic. She is reported doing
nicely.

Margaret Ann Gettys is visit-
ing her sister, Mrs. W. B. Wood-

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Glenn Hunt is visiting her
brother, Oscar Perrin and family
in Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hunt
moved to their new home Satur-
day. They bought the place re-
cently built by Bill Neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Starnes
bought the B. H. Heathington
place and will make their home
there.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield Work-
man and children from Arlington
were weekend guests of their
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas.
Workman.

Mrs. John Gose of Quanah is
visiting Mrs. A. D. Reeves.

ARE HOUSING COSTS OUT OF LINE?

Not Unless You Believe All Other Costs Are Out Of Line - - -
For Most Other Costs Have Risen Higher Than Housing.

Take Tax Costs, For Example.

\$2,670 of a \$10,000 house is tax cost.
\$1,330 of this tax cost was added to
construction costs since 1939. That's
a tax increase of over 100 per cent.
Housing is up only 89 percent.

Look at it another way. It costs \$46
per person in 1939 to support the na-
tional government. But now, and
since 1944, it costs each person an
average of over \$300 a year.

There is the source of your high cost
of living! For this figure of \$300 a
year includes the hidden taxes every-
one pays.

Yes, the National government costs
the average family of four about
\$1,300 a year. This cost you pay
whether you own a home or not.

Assembly Line Product Costs
Rose Higher Than Housing

According to a survey made in Wash-
ington, D. C. area, based on Novem-
ber 1940 and November 1947 sales
prices—line produced products such

as washing machines, refrigerators,
and radios rose higher in price than
new home construction costs. Wash-
ing machine costs have risen 145 per-
cent, radio costs 123 percent, refrig-
erator costs, 104 percent, and home
costs 89 percent.

Housing Costs Rise Less
Than Other Costs

Housing costs have risen less since
1939 than most other essentials. Farm
products have increased 191 percent;
factory wages, 111.3 percent; food
prices 108.3 percent; clothing 87.1
percent; and home construction costs
87.5 percent since 1939.

Actually, the average wage earner and
farmer can buy the present day house
with less hours of work or farm prod-
uct. While the housing situation, as
well as everything else, is far from
ideal, the fact is that housing costs
have risen no higher than other costs,
and are not out of relationship with
wages or purchasing power.

CICERO SMITH LUMBER COMPANY

G. M. MOORE, MANAGER

Community AUCTION

DECATUR'S NEW AUCTION SALE
OPENS FOR ITS FIRST SALE ON
NEXT WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 AT
THE NEW BARN AT CULLOM
RANCH. This new enterprise is worthy
of your support -- and ours! Let's help
it get started off with a bang!

WALKER
AUTO
SUPPLY
Bluford Walker

Grasshopper Control Urged Immediately

Farmers are urged by County Agent Al Petty to start control measures against grasshoppers. Poison bait put out now to kill the young hoppers can prevent a lot of damage to the county's row crops.

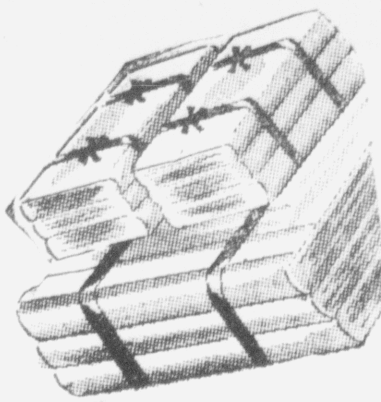
An early start on grasshopper control is being encouraged because the insects at present are young and easy to kill; they are bunched together now after the hatch and therefore very little bait will kill them; and they are still on the edges of the fields and have not, as yet, done much damage to row crops.

Grasshopper bait is now available to the farmers and they are requested to bring their own sacks when they come to get the bait. A small charge will be assessed for mixing.

81 x 90 Druid SHEETS

Type 120, Druid Sheets in big double bed size 81x90. Soft smooth finished Muslin, excellent quality. Regularly \$3.19, Anniversary priced . . .

\$267



81 x 99 FIELDCREST SHEETS

Our best quality Muslin Sheets. These are type 120 and of the quality that gives years of service. Double bed size, 81x99. Regularly \$3.25, Anniversary priced . . .

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PILLOW CASES

36 x 36 Fieldcrest. Reg. 79c.

69c

69c SOLID COLOR CANNON TOWELS

Big, Bath size towels, 20x40, of heavy thirsty toweling in rich shades of Peach, Rose, Green, Blue and Gold. Regularly 69c. Anniversary priced . . .

49c

SOLID COLOR TOWELS

The same quality as the above towel but in big guest size, 14x28. Same choice of colors. Cannon Quality. Regularly 49c, Anniversary priced . . .

39c

COTTON BEDSPREADS

It's been years since we could offer these. Spreads at these prices! Crinkle Cotton Spreads in a big double bed size 82x105. Excellent for Summer spreads, couches, etc. Regularly \$2.48, Anniversary priced . . .

1.98

GIFTS for MOTHERS DAY

Holeproof NYLONS

Selected for their longer wearing qualities, perfect fit, gossamer-like sheerness as HOLEPROOF Nylons are favorites with all. Four qualities to choose from.

165
195
225



SPECIAL SALE

45 GA. 30 DENIER HOLEPROOF IRREGULARS priced . . .

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LADIES BAGS

Smartly designed bags in Black, Brown, Tan, White, Red, etc. Large or small shapes.

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\$5.95 Fieldcrest BED SPREADS

Fieldcrest cotton Jacquard Bedspreads in big double-sizes, 86x105. These are heavy weight spreads in beautiful floral and print patterns of Rose, Green, Rust and Blue. Regularly \$5.95, Anniversary

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SHOE REPAIRS WHILE YOU WAIT.
WORK GUARANTEED
T. D. HARVEY, PROP.
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RHOMES NEWS

Mrs. Steve Burke was honored Sunday with a surprise birthday dinner given by her children for her 51st birthday. There was a cake with candles and many beautiful gifts.

Children present were: Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Burke and children of Ponder, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Burke and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cates and children, all of Justin; Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Smith and daughter, Clifford Burke, Miss Joyce Burke and Mrs. Nina Ruth Hudnall, Rhomes. Others were Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Curry and children and Mrs. A. W. Anselton of Indian Oaks.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Moore are the proud parents of a baby girl born to them Saturday, April 22 at a Decatur hospital.

Guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. J. B. Richardson were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Richardson of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grice, Mrs. Naomi Lisby and son of Fort Worth.

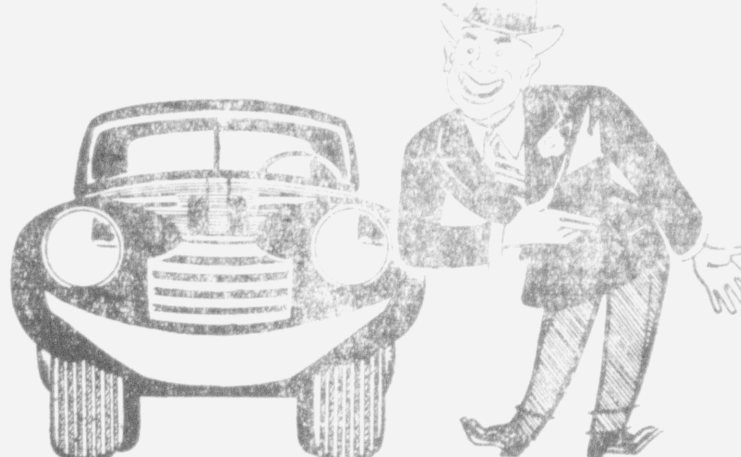
Mrs. Lela Stamps visited her brother, Ray Lawson at Decatur Sunday.

Mrs. O. C. Bandy spent Monday with her mother, Mrs. Lela Stamps.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Holden of Fort Worth visited relatives in Rhomes Sunday.

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MOTHER'S DAY
GIVE HER
LOVELY STATIONERY!
AIRMAID HOSE
PHONE 3 . . RHOMES, TEXAS

Mrs. Irma Combs of Arlins, mother of Mrs. Barney Shaw, Road the ADVERTISEMENTS!



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In Decatur

Mrs. May Robertson suffered still confined to her home, a sprained ankle recently and is READ THE ADS!

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SAT. ONLY IN CINECOLOR

RAJ ROACH COMEDY CARNIVAL

HAVE YOU HEARD IT'S SUN. MON.

GARY GRANT LORETTA YOUNG DAVID NIVEN

and The Bishop's Wife

MATINEE EVERY DAY

THE COOL COMFORT PLAZA DECATUR, TEXAS

THURSDAY FRIDAY

JOAN CRAWFORD DANA ANDREWS HENRY FONDA

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UNFINISHED DANCE MARGARET O'BRIEN

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MAJESTIC Gene Autry

THURSDAY FRIDAY

CAROLINA MOON

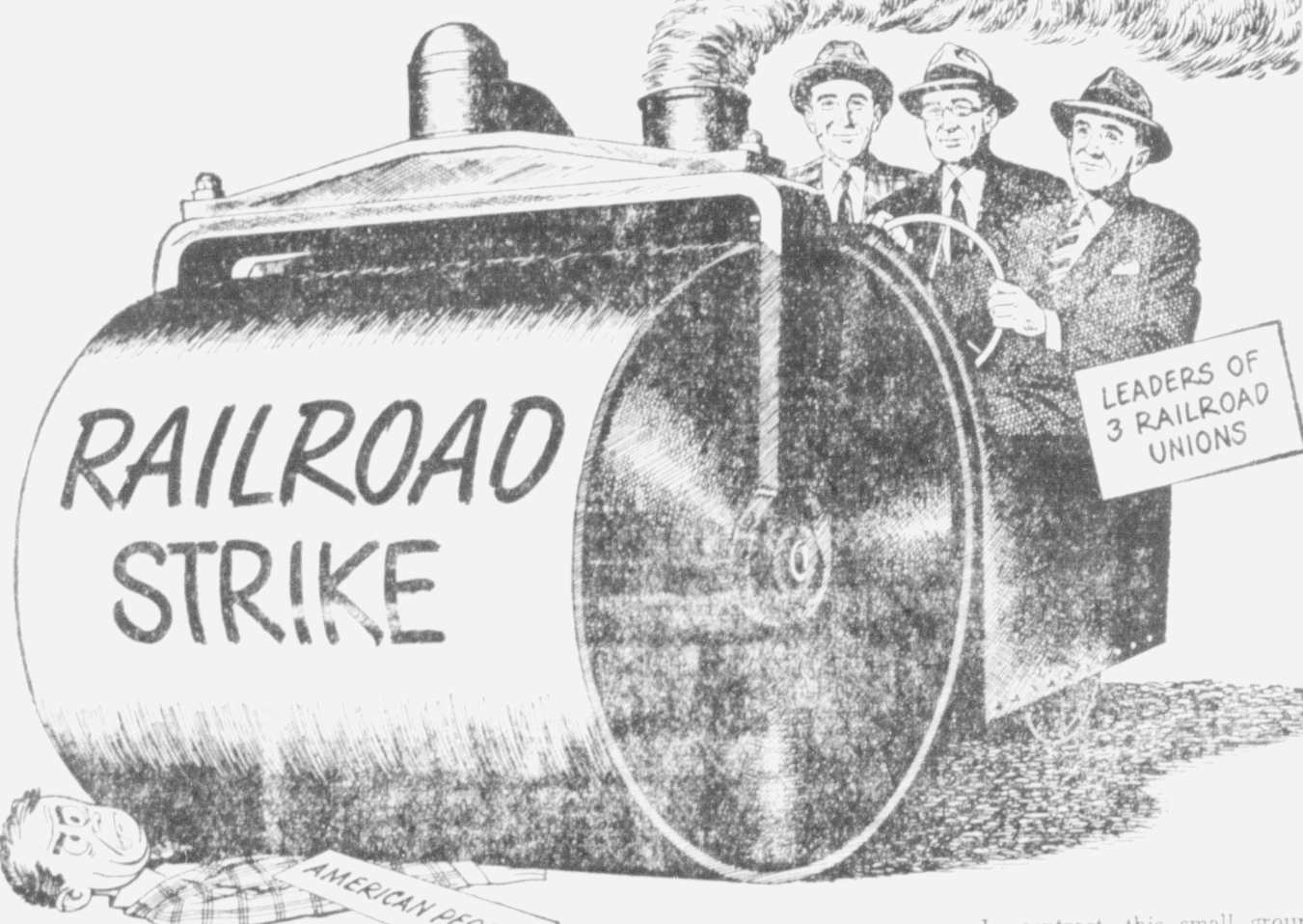
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Look who gets squeezed!

Union leaders representing less than one-tenth of railroad employees reject recommendations of President's Emergency board—refuse to negotiate except on their own terms—threaten to paralyze nation by strike!

THE LEADERS of three railroad unions, representing less than one-tenth of all railroad employees, have called a railroad strike that would paralyze the nation.

These leaders refuse to accept a 15 1/2 cents an hour wage increase retroactive to November 1, 1947. This increase was recommended by an impartial Emergency Board appointed by President Truman.

This increase of 15 1/2 cents already has been accepted by the 19 other railroad unions. But the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen and Engineers, and the Switchmen's Union of North America won't accept what more than 90% of all railroad employees have accepted. They have called a strike to get more!

Unions refuse rules discussion

Certain rules changes demanded by these union leaders—which would increase wages still further—were recommended by the Board. But the union leaders want more—they demand that the railroads put into effect ALL the changes they asked for, including those the Board felt should be denied.

On top of this, they insist that certain rules changes proposed by the railroads be withdrawn—in spite of the fact that the Board recommended them! These union leaders have refused to negotiate except upon these arbitrary terms.

Greater wage increase not justified

Engineers and firemen are among the highest paid of all employees in America, as figures in the box show. This strike threat doesn't justify giving a greater increase than other railroad workers received.

Emergency Boards are a means provided by the Railway Labor Act in the public interest to avoid strikes. The President's Board,

after hearing evidence for 33 days, made recommendations based on all the facts in the case. The railroads have accepted these recommendations.

Who's to blame?

Although they deplored so large an extra cost burden, the railroads accepted the report of the Board because they felt it was in the public interest to uphold the spirit and intent of the Railway Labor Act.

In contrast, this small group of railroad union leaders are attempting to flout the intent and spirit of the Railway Labor Act, and dictate their own terms.

They have dictated a paralyzing railroad strike.

You will be the victim!

How long will the American public stand for the undemocratic, arbitrary, and abusive use of the right to strike and the disregard of the obligation to provide transportation? How long can the American people permit a few dictatorial union leaders to defy the processes provided for peaceful settlement of disputes?

Force seldom produces settlements that are either fair or lasting. Moreover, a point is often reached when personal interests must be held subordinate to the greater public welfare. That is why the railroads have accepted the Emergency Board recommendations. That is also why the leaders of these three unions should reconsider their decision to call a paralyzing strike.

Compare these wages with what you make!

Here is a comparison of average annual earnings of engineers and firemen for 1939 (pre-war) and 1947. Also shown is what 1947 earnings would have been if the 15 1/2 cents per hour increase offered by the railroads and rejected by the union leaders, had been in effect throughout the entire year 1947.

Type of Employee	1939 Average Annual Earnings	1947 Average Annual Earnings	1947 Average Annual Earnings with Wage Increases Recommended by President's Board
ENGINEERS			
Road Freight (Local and Way)	\$3,966	\$6,152	\$6,785
Road Passenger	3,632	5,391	6,025
Road Freight (Through)	3,147	4,682	5,167
Yard	2,749	4,078	4,740
FIREMEN			
Road Freight (Local and Way)	\$2,738	\$4,721	\$5,310
Road Passenger	2,732	4,544	5,176
Road Freight	2,069	3,480	3,914
Yard	1,962	3,156	3,645

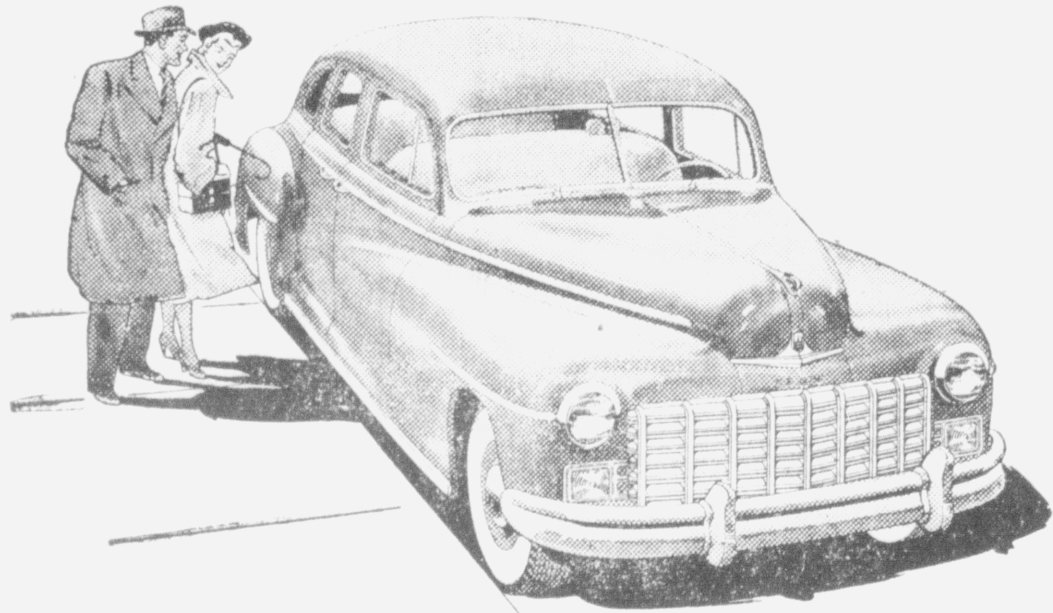
Railroad wages computed from Interstate Commerce Commission Statement M-300



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FLUSCHE BROS. — DECATUR
E. M. STEPH — ALVORD ROAD
CLEO A. HASTON—BRIDGEPORT
GARLAND MOORE — RHOME

FW&D SERVICE CAME TO DECATUR MAY FIRST IN 1882

By John L. McCarty
(This is the second in a series of articles giving background history of the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway, which will observe its seventy-fifth birthday on May 26, 1948.)

If Walt Disney were making an animated cartoon type of picture of the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway and its territory, it would be an exciting film. It likely would open in a primitive, wilderness paradise showing buffalo, Indians, lush grass, small, clear streams with beautiful but timid antelope, deer and rabbits dancing about. You can imagine the musical background fitting into the lush, wild life in West Texas seventy-five years ago.

After the opening scene Disney would show an excited group in the old Capitol building at Austin presenting a law for a charter for the railroad from the village of Fort Worth into and through that far away "Pan Handle" country to the lively town of Denver City, Colorado. As the meeting ended in success, a dark cloud—the panic of 1873—would darken the scene and leave the railroad builders and town makers in a mood of blue indigo.

Gradually, however, the show would move through this money catastrophe. The promoters would lose anticipated millions when the state legislature discontinued its land grant aid to encourage railroad building. Many Texas railroads received sixteen sections or 10,240 acres of good Texas land for each mile

of railway constructed. The new railroad destined to serve one of the richest territories in America got none of this bonanza. Disney would probably show the promoters forgetting this disappointment as they broke ground at Hodge, Texas, then five miles north of Fort Worth on November 27, 1881. That was when the depression of the eighteen seventies was whipped by throwing railroad dirt in its face—a good remedy for any depression, the picture might show.

The film would make quite a scene of the driving of the spikes into the first rail laid on February 27, 1882. General Dodge and his tough Irish work crews didn't hesitate to lay their hands on all the ties and steel in sight. There is a legend that General Dodge and other dignitaries drove a golden spike into one of the ties, but historical wiseacres have it that the gold was too badly needed for other purposes.

Then Walt Disney would get into the show fast action, humor, and pathos. He would show the market-hunters killing the deer, antelope and buffalo to feed the workmen. He would put little towns every place the road stopped. Work camps would blossom into county seats. Cow-boys and ranchers would vie for control with land speculators and promoters. Disney might show some little cross-trail towns, with a few stores, livery stables and saloons, awakening under the impetus of railroad development. He would have his movie property men make signs and dates for towns on the railroad.

These towns would show the line completed and in service to Decatur on May 1st, to Bowie by July 1st, and to Henrietta, and

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Wichita Falls on July 24, 1882. At Wichita Falls would be a typical railroad townsite promotion and lot sale. He would likely put a lot of the medicine show touch into this grandiose promotion and then picture the solid foundations on which that modern city was established.

Then the show would switch to financial troubles and disputes with the construction companies in Texas and Colorado. The railroad track with its tiny engines pushing into a wilderness wonderland would stop. Then it would be May 5, 1885 before rails would be laid and the line put into operation as far as Harrold. There might be a flashback to show little work camps and convenient station sites becoming towns in fact as well as name. The work would begin in dead earnest the next year.

The artist would show the track laid to Chillicothe and in operation to Vernon by October 31, 1886. The track would be laid to the Canadian River in the far away Panhandle and in operation to New Clarendon by October 31, 1887. At Clarendon, the old Saint City of the Panhandle, the people decided to move about four or five miles to a new site on the railroad and establish a town there. And they moved everything but an old rock courthouse which stands to this day to add a picturesque touch to the ranch lands where Harold Bugbee, the famous cowboy artist, divides his time between ranching and painting. Disney would show Lee Dyer, Fort Worth to Denver City was opened, Disney undoubtedly

to reach the Plains without having to cross the Palo Duro Canyon or climb the caprock. That was a great service to the railroad surveyors and only a cowboy who knew the open range like a fox could have pointed the way.

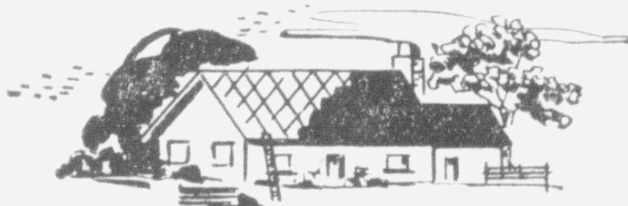
Legend has it that the location which became Amarillo was selected because it was the "First Water West of Clarendon". It was first Rag Town and the map of 1887 shows the town of Sanborn just west of Amarillo. Sanborn was the name of the man who moved Amarillo onto his land and founded the city. The first map also shows Washburn, now only a few houses and a fading memory, as the real metropolis of the Plains.

Disney would likely have a picnic out of the fight at glamorous old Tascosa between the ranch owners and the merchants about town. Tascosa was missed by the railroad by less than a mile, but in that mile was the boiling quicksands of the Canadian river. Tascosa is a ghost town today, but so is its Dodge-Rancher created rival Cheyenne. Not even the name of Cheyenne remains. It was changed to Magenta and then to Boys Ranch.

The railroad builders were across the river and had the line completed to the New Mexico territory boundary by January 26, 1888, and on to a connection with the Denver, Texas and Fort Worth Railroad at Folsom, New Mexico on March 14, 1888.

Once the line from Hodge, Fort Worth to Denver City was opened, Disney undoubtedly Continued on next page

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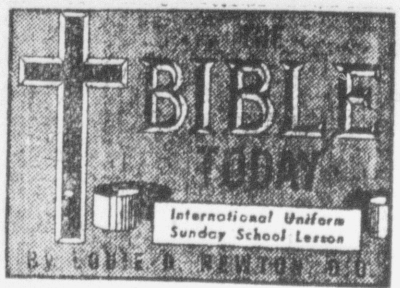
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SCRIPTURE: Ezra 7:6-10; Nehemiah 8:10, 12
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalms 119: 9-16

Ezra Leads A Revival

Lesson for May 9, 1948



HAPPY TIMES WITH THE BIBLE
FOR Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments."

There was great need for a revival of religion, and Ezra knew that there can be no real revival until the people come back to God. He therefore read to them the statutes and judgments. Ezra read from the law of Moses from morning until midday, "and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law."

What would you think of the people being summoned into some public place today to hear the Bible read? But you say, we hear it read over the radio, and we hear it read in church, and we sometimes hear it read in the home. But do we hear it? And are our ears really attentive?

HEARING AND DOING GOD'S WORD

EZRA not only read God's word to the people, but he led them to do what they were commanded in the law. They went out to give portions to those who were in need. They came back to worship God. They began both to hear and do.

"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only," James 1:22. It is positively dangerous to receive impressions from God and refuse to express what he has put in our hearts to do for him. Let me put it this way, we can become religiously intoxicated unless we go forth to serve.

LIVING OUR RELIGION

WHAT Ezra and Nehemiah led the people to do in the long ago was to put into practice what they heard—to live their religion. The late Gandhi was reported to have said, "I might have embraced Christianity, had Christians lived what they professed."

Let us keep clearly in mind that Ezra was first concerned in instructing the people according to all that God had said in the Scriptures. That comes first. We must have conviction about what is right. We must have a creed, but we are to remember that it is in daily living that we make our creeds effective.

WHAT IS A RELIGIOUS REVIVAL?

THIS lesson intends to reveal to us how a religious revival broke out in Jerusalem in the long ago, nearly 500 years before Christ was born. Well may we ask, What is a religious revival?

"Lord, send a revival, and let it begin in my heart." Revivals are prayed down, not talked up. We have fallen into the fallacy of speaking of revivals when some overnight spell-binder comes along and kicks up a big sensation. Before he leaves town, Pharisaism is more rampant than ever. It is not until the Spirit of God moves upon the hearts of his people and rekindles in them a sense of sin, bringing them to true repentance, that we can have a real religious revival.

When men are convicted of their sins, they will say with Zachaeus, "Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have taken from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." When men begin to feel and talk and act like that, you have a real religious revival. And I repeat, such revivals are prayed down, not talked up. Now you are ready to read Psalms 119:9-16.

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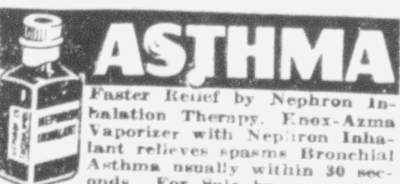
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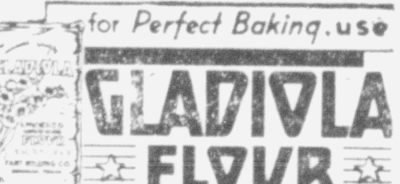
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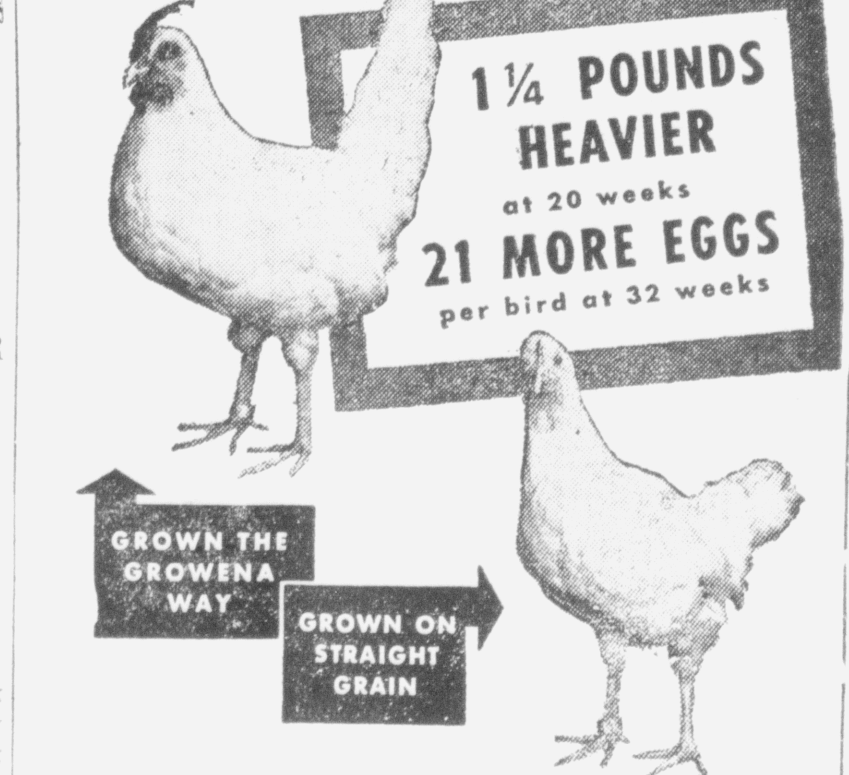


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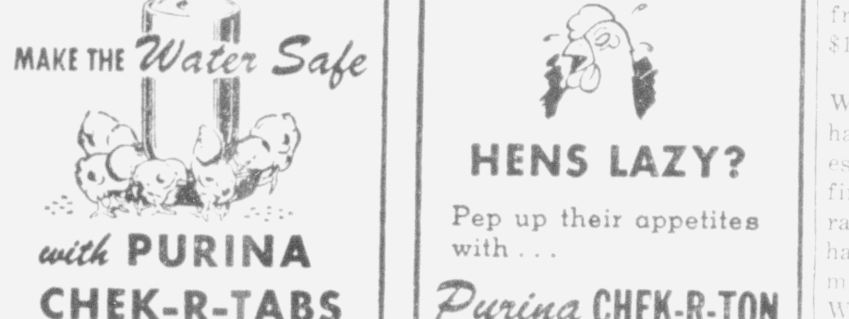


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would show the development of little frontier towns all along the line. Some of these became the largest cattle shipping points in the world. He would show town-site rivalries approaching open war and all the color and glamour of a new and developing country in an open range land. This was the era labeled by historians as "The Coming of the Railroad." It marked the beginning of most all the towns on the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway, the end of the open range, the coming of the fenced cattle kingdoms, and the beginning of agricultural development from Fort Worth to Texline where you roll out of the tip of the Texas Panhandle into the high prairies and mountains of New Mexico and Colorado. A movie producer would put a real punch line to the effect that the railroad brought civilization and development into West Texas. It laid the foundation for the country and furnished the wheels to roll into it and out of it the lifeblood of commerce.

Then the Hollywood genius would likely put a little of the real old West into the film by digging up an Indian scare and also an old stage line schedule tied into the first time table folder, February 1, 1889, of the Denver, Texas and Fort Worth Railroad, the Texas Pan Handle Route, Through Pullman Sleeping Cars between New Orleans and Denver. C. E. Meek of Denver was general manager. This old folder had another punch line, "From the Summit to the Sea," and one page was devoted to stage connections. The road made connections with stage lines at: Folsom, N. M.; Amarillo, Washburn, Clarendon, Childress, Vernon, Wichita Falls, Henrietta, Bowie, Sunset, Decatur, and Rhine, Texas. Some of the communities which were connected with the railroad towns by stage service ranging from daily to weekly runs are now forgotten, but here they are as listed in 1889: Rhine with Aurora; Decatur with Ginn, Bridgeport, Jine Ned, Vineyard City, Jackboro, Chico, and Greenwood; Sunset with Grafton; Bowie with Montague, Nocona, Newport, and Fort Oak; Henrietta with Beaverton, Whiskey Creek, Elm Creek, Fort Sill, Indian Territory, Myrtle, Antelope, and Charlie; Wichita Falls to Archer City, Seymour, and Benjamin; Vernon to Dams, Frazier, Mangum, and Margaret; Childress to Lee, Teepe City, and Matador; Clarendon to Ephraim, Paducah (JA Ranch), Quitaque, Eldridge, and Mobetie; Washburn to Fort Sumner, N. M.; Amarillo to Tolia (Tulia), Plainview, Della Plains, and Estancia; Folsom, N. M., to Carrozo, Indian Territory. The stage fare from Amarillo to Plainview was \$18.00.

When the master of Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs had played with the stage coaches and horses, connecting the first West Texas towns with the railroad, he undoubtedly would have shown the building of a 16-mile connecting line between Washburn and Carson City or

present Panhandle linking Fort Worth and Denver City Railway with the Southern Kansas Railway, now the Santa Fe, on April 26, 1888, and the survey of the proposed route from Washburn around the rim of the scenic Palo Duro Canyon into the South Plains. Washburn was becoming the metropolis of the Plains. Only the spirited and enterprising townbuilders of Amarillo stood in her way. With the help of railroad friends in 1908 these townbuilders moved the line and the Santa Fe thereafter made its connections with the Fort Worth and Denver City in Amarillo. In almost every section of the line there was historic action to make the railroad the key factor in community life, in regional development. Towns like Dalhart became realities as other lines crossed the railroad.

Characteristic of events which often change a country's history is the story of winter grazing of wheat. It is said that a wreck near Quanah resulted in a carload of wheat being spilled. Trainmen suggested that local citizens plant it. It did fine and the cattle that grazed on it that winter grew fat. It made a good yield at harvest time. This probably is true, but the agricultural agents of the road in cooperation with ranchmen proved the value of wheat for winter grazing in the early days. This helped the cowmen, but it also attracted additional farmers who crowded out some of the ranchers. In the last decade the winter grazing of wheat has added great wealth to the farmers and ranchmen.

Wait Disney would probably close his animated film on the establishment of the railroad with World War I for it was then that the service of the railroads to the frontier regions they had colonized and developed became recognized as outstanding. By that time the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway had grown into a big line and the area whose development it had made possible was coming of age. The war was only a temporary halt to the button-busting growth of the country and the railway just then on the horizon. Disney would need another film for that epoch in its history.

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The meeting opened in regular form with Mrs. Sue Bulgarel, Worthy Matron, and W. O. Bailey, Worthy Patron, presiding.

The Worthy Matron welcomed the visitors and introduced the following Grand Officers: Mrs. Robbie Dyer, Amarillo; Mrs. Lillian Barnard, Decatur; and Mrs. Lolla Mae Vollus, Houston, Past Worthy Grand Matrons.

Mrs. Esther Baldwin, Wichita Falls; Dr. T. G. Rogers, Decatur; Mrs. Mary Sue Duston, Denton; Mrs. Mary Katherine Smith, Gainesville; Eunice Connell, San Antonio; Mrs. Myrtle Rogers, Decatur; Mrs. Lois Burnett, Mrs. Cora Bess Sandlin, Mrs. Chrissie Gamblin, Mrs. Ada Beaman, Mrs. Edyth Jackson, Mrs. Ona Mae Stephens, Mrs. Mae McCown, Mrs. Della Young, Mrs. Johnnie Kinsey, and Mrs. Clyde Haygood, Fort Worth, Texas.

A friendship program was presented by the chapter and many lovely gifts were also presented.

The meeting closed with refreshments being served to one hundred fifty guests and members.

After the meeting Doctor and Mrs. Rogers entertained the guests in their lovely country home. Mrs. Della Young sang "Always" dedicating it to the honored couple.

Recital

Doris Woodruff, age 12, gave a piano recital at the home of Mrs. Gordon Roberts, May 2, at 4:30 P. M.

She played with intelligence and apparent ease and showed good training the past five years. Her program consisted of ten numbers and was enjoyed by more than 30 people.

She was assisted by Helen Hall and Sheri Roberts who played a trio with Doris.

Doris received the guests and was hostess after the program, serving delicious refreshments.

Dr. W. E. Davenport, Decatur, received his appointment as Second Lieutenant Veterinary Corps, U. S. Army, Monday, May 3rd. Lt. Davenport received his orders the following day to report to Chicago, Ill. Monday, May 10 for active duty.

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For Tax-Assessor and Collector: J. WALLACE BRADY, (Reelection)

For Sheriff: RAY "Sage" NOBLES (Reelection, Second Term)

For County Treasurer: TOMMIE OHARA (Reelection)

For County Attorney: TOM McMURRAY (Reelection)

For Commissioner, Prec. 4 & 5: BOB CLEVELAND. (Reelection, second term)

For Commissioner, Prec. 1 & 6: BEN MOORE THURMAN COOK G. R. (Ray) TAYLOR.

For District Clerk: NORMA TAYLOR.

For County Clerk: WOODROW STARNES.

For District Judge: J. E. CARTER (reelection)

For Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1: C M (Cush) QUISENBERRY



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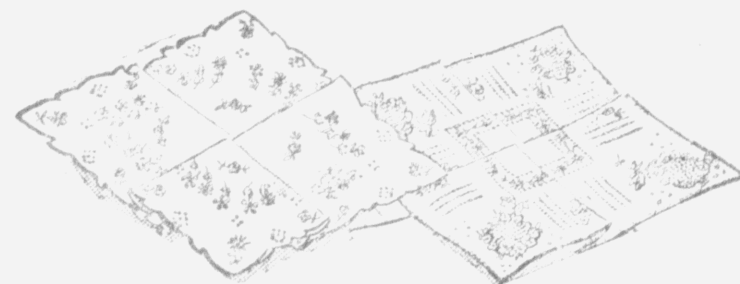
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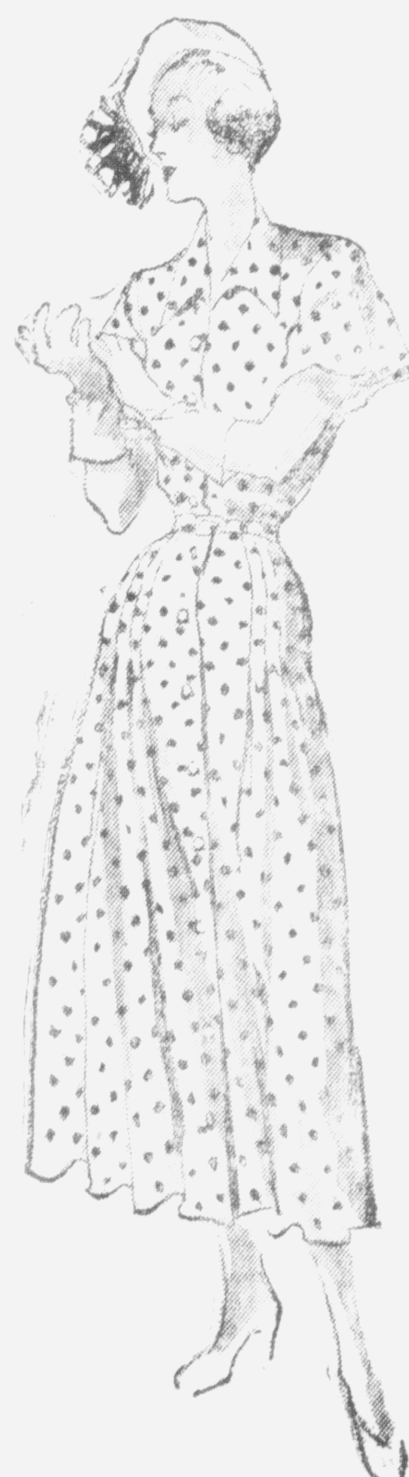
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